

RESOLUTION 2019-09-491

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WASHINGTON, DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES RELATED TO CITY'S 14-INCH WATER MAIN

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2019 the City of White Salmon public works crew determined that the city's 14-inch water main that provides water to White Salmon, Bingen and the Port of Klickitat was leaking at approximately 30 gallons per minute; and

WHEREAS, the location of the leak is along State Highway 141 at Bald Mountain Curves; and

WHEREAS, the 14-inch water line is the only water line that brings water from the city's water sources to the City of White Salmon; and

WHEREAS, due to the water leak and high pressure on the 14-inch water line a catastrophic break in the line is imminent; and

WHEREAS, if a catastrophic break in the 14-inch water main occurs, the City of White Salmon will be without water and the City of Bingen and Port of Klickitat will have limited water; and

WHEREAS, if a catastrophic break occurs in the 14-inch water main located on State Route 141 at Bald Mountain Curves, the state highway could be severely damaged; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency as defined by RCW 39.04.280(3) due to the unforeseen nature of the situation described above, and the immediate risk for property damage and endangerment of lives; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator of the City of White Salmon, in the absence of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Temp, declared an emergency on September 6, 2019 and authorized the City of White Salmon Public Works Department to enter into contract(s) and incur obligations to address the emergency (Exhibit A);

WHEREAS, the Mayor Pro Temp signed the declaration of emergency on September 11, 2019;

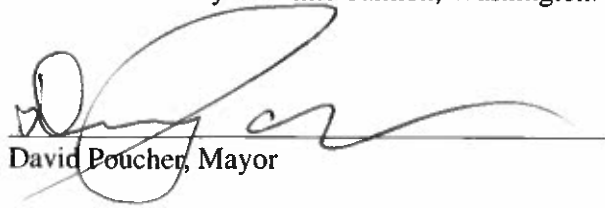
NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of White Salmon, Washington, do resolve as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, the City is authorized to waive competitive bidding and to enter into contract(s) and incur obligations necessary to repair the 14-inch water main, including but not limited to, the purchase of supplies and the hiring of a contractor(s) to repair the 14-inch water main.

Section 3. The declaration of a local emergency set forth at Section 1 shall terminate when in the Mayor's judgement the repair of the 14-inch water main has been completed.

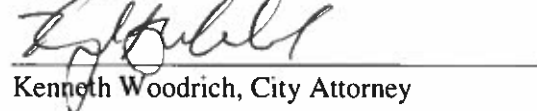
APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of White Salmon, Washington.
Dated this 18th day of September, 2019.


David Poucher, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jan Brending, City Clerk Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Kenneth Woodrich, City Attorney



City of White Salmon Office of City Hall

September 6, 2019

On September 6, 2019 the City of White Salmon public works department determined that the city's 14-inch water main that delivers water from the city's Buck Creek water source was leaking at approximately 30 gallons per minute. This water main is the only method for providing water to the citizens of White Salmon, Bingen and to the Port of Klickitat. The 14-in water main has approximately 250 psi on the line. A break in the water line can become catastrophic in no time. Due to location of the leak (near State Highway 141 at Bald Mountain curves) a catastrophic break could severely damage the state highway and property in the surrounding area. A catastrophic break would mean that the City of White Salmon would be without water and the City of Bingen and the Port of Klickitat would have limited water. The water main must be repaired immediately and requires the use of a contractor and the purchase of supplies.

An emergency is present that necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to the City of White Salmon Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. To properly access appropriate services and equipment in a timely manner the City may need to waive competitive bidding required and award all necessary contracts on behalf of the city to properly address the incident.

I, Patrick Munyan, City Administrator declare an emergency as defined by RCW 39.04.280(3) due to the unforeseen nature of the situation described in the first paragraph, above, and the immediate risk for property damage and endangerment of lives.

Pursuant to the emergency declared, the City Public Works Department is authorized to enter into contract(s) and incur obligations to address such emergency with approval by the City Administrator. Emergency measure may include, but is not limited to, the purchase of supplies and the hiring of a contractor to repair the 14-inch water main.

The declaration of a local emergency shall terminate when in the City Administrator's judgment, the emergency measures contained herein are no longer required to safeguard property and lives.

Signed this 6th day of September, 2019.

Patrick Munyan, City Administrator
City of White Salmon

Signed this 11th day of September, 2019

Donna Heimke, Mayor Pro Temp
City of White Salmon

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